

ORDER No. L. 107-9—ML. 120-47-6, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 3RD JULY 1948.

her Section 10 (2) (c) of the Minor Municipalities Act, Government are pleased to confer on the Channagiri Municipal Council, the privilege of electing a non-President from among its members.

The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, is directed to take further action in accordance with the rules in this behalf and to submit a report to Government.

SYED ABDUL ALEEM, *Rev. Secy.*

FOOD SECRETARIAT

orders reducing the scale of wheat ration to the "A" Class cardholders from 3 ozs. to 2 ozs.

Government Order No. S.D. 5627-38—R. 13-47-32, dated the 28th 1948, revising the scale of foodgrain rations with effect from 1st 1948.

Letter No. B. 1-7563-796-47-8, dated the 8th June 1948, from the Food Supplies, recommending, in the circumstances stated, in the scale of wheat ration to "A" Class cardholders from 3 ozs. thus bringing the overall rations to 9 ozs. per head per day.

ORDER No. S.D. 10647-61—R. 13-47-47, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 30TH JUNE 1948.

Government are pleased to direct that the scale of foodgrain rations be revised as under with effect from 1st July

Class	Scale of rations per head per day			
	Rice	Wheat or millets	Millets	Total
	Ozs.	Ozs.	Ozs.	Ozs.
...	7-0	2-0	...	9-0
...	4-2	1-0	5-3	11-0
Annual Labour	4-2	1-0	8-8	14-0

Children below 8 years of age will be allowed half the above scale of rations.

A. S. KHALEEL, *Food and Civil Supplies Secy.*

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

orders regarding the withdrawal of half-fee concession to Muslim pupils.

ORDER No. E. 11320-23—EDN. 203-47-1, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 28TH JUNE 1948.

Under the existing rules, the rates of fees for all Muslim in Government Schools and Colleges are half the usual. The question of abolition of this concession is being in the floors of both the Houses of Legislature on the that it is extended to all pupils irrespective of their or economic status.

On a careful consideration of the question, Government that there should be no half-fee concession hereafter for pupils as such. They will, however, be entitled to concessions along with the general community.

A. C. NIRVANI GOWDA, *Edn. Secy.*

RAILWAY SECRETARIAT

reviews the Administration Report of the Railway Department for the year 1946-47.

Letter No. A. 514, dated 22nd December 1947, from the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, Mysore, submitting the Administration Report of the Railway Department for the year 1946-47.

Letter No. A. 570, dated 19th January 1948, from the same officer submitting the Appendices relating to the Report.

ORDER No. R. S. 4755-4341—RY. F. 34g of 47-8, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 1ST JUNE 1948.

2. *Administration.*—Sri M. Venkatesh, B.E., A.M.I. (Mech.) E., A.M.I. (Loco.) E., continued to be in charge of the Department as General Manager.

3. *Open Lines.*—The mileage of open lines owned by the State and the District Boards was the same as last year, viz., 757'75, of which 9'88 miles comprise the broad gauge line of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway Branch, which is worked by the Madras & Southern Mahratta Railway. The interests of the Kolar District Board in the Kolar-Chickballapur Light Railway were purchased by Government from 8th November 1946, the premium paid on the District Board's share of the capital being Rs. 2'86 lakhs.

4. *Financial Results.*—The total capital invested on all the State lines to the end of the year was Rs. 721'6 (712'89) lakhs, the capital outlay during the year being Rs. 8'71 (9'87) lakhs. The gross earnings of all the State lines were Rs. 199'41 (180'40) lakhs, being the highest on record. The increase in earnings is due to the increase under passenger and goods traffic, and the enhancement of rates and fares from March 1947. The working expenses including the contribution to the Depreciation Fund amounted to Rs. 133'81 (124'46) lakhs. The surplus profit and guaranteed interest amounted to Rs. 1'00 (1'52) lakh and the net revenue to Government to Rs. 59'60 (54'42) lakhs.

There was an increase of Rs. 19'01 lakhs and Rs. 5'18 lakhs in gross and net revenues respectively, resulting in an increase from 7'64 per cent to 8'26 per cent in the percentage of return on capital during the year, exclusive of interest charges.

5. *Lines worked by the Madras & Southern Mahratta Railway.*—The gross earnings of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway worked by the Madras & Southern Mahratta Railway amounted to Rs. 2'34 (2'44) lakhs. The working expenses amounted to Rs. 2'01 (1'21) lakhs, leaving a net receipt of Rs. 0'33 (1'23) lakhs, exclusive of interest charges.

6. *Depreciation Fund.*—The opening balance of the Depreciation Fund was Rs. 167'71 (128'50) lakhs. The contribution made to the Fund from the revenues of the Railway was Rs. 30'08 (42'97) lakhs, the decrease being due to no special contribution having been made during the year as in the last year. The expenditure met out of the Fund amounted to Rs. 4'21 (3'77) lakhs, leaving a closing balance of Rs. 193'58 (167'71) lakhs at the end of the year.

Though a budget provision of Rs. 18'25 lakhs had been made for expenditure on Depreciation Works, the amount actually spent was only Rs. 4'21 lakhs, leaving a large amount of the grant unutilised. Efforts should be made to work out the programme of works in full, in future.

7. *Stores.*—The value of stock of stores at the beginning of the year was Rs. 25'52 (20'82) lakhs. Stores of the value of Rs. 40'77 (39'14) lakhs were added during the year. The issue of stores amounted to Rs. 41'93 (34'79) lakhs and the value of stores at the end of the year was Rs. 24'36 (25'17) lakhs.

8. *Train Service.*—The following trains, which had been suspended during the period of war, were reintroduced—

1. One pair of trains between Mysore and Chamarajanagar;
2. One pair of trains between Chikjajur and Chitaldrug;
3. One pair of trains between Bangalore City and Chickballapur on Thursdays and Sundays;
4. Trains Nos. 19 and 20 were extended from Sagar to Talaguppa; and
5. One way-side halt was opened between Sivapur and Tarikere on 1st February 1947.

The speed of the Passenger trains continued to be poor and punctuality unsatisfactory.

More than 60 per cent of the Passenger trains did not keep up to the scheduled timings. Steps should be taken to see that the over-all speed of the trains improves and trains run punctually.

9. *Accidents.*—There were two deaths due to two accidents on the lines worked by Government. The number of persons killed on account of trespassing was 15.

There were 12 cases of derailment of goods trains, 8 cases of derailment of passenger trains and 11 cases of parting of trains due to the breakage of coupling screws of goods vehicles.

10. *Engineering Works.*—The work of remodelling Yeshwantapur Station yard was completed. The traffic and engineering surveys for laying a railway line from Chitaldrug to Rayadurg were conducted during the year. The work of improving the Bangalore-Mysore Section, to make it fit to run YB and YD locomotives and the work of remodelling the Bangalore goods yard were in good progress.

A scheme for the construction of quarters to the staff was taken up.

11. *Relief to employees.*—Two months' pay as bonus was sanctioned to all non-Gazetted employees of the Department as in the last year. The general question of the revision of the scales of pay of the employees of the Railway Department was taken up for consideration during the year, and pending orders on this question, the payment of interim relief was continued.

The Mysore State Railway Employees' Association was registered under the Mysore Labour Act, 1942.

12. *Post-war schemes.*—Government sanctioned 17 schemes for the post-war development of the Mysore State Railway, at a total cost of Rs. 453 lakhs spread over a period of 5 years. The schemes are intended—

- (a) to equip the Railway with the latest types of locomotives passenger coaches and goods wagons;
- (b) to undertake arrears of maintenance and repair works, and
- (c) to provide better amenities to the travelling public with improved terminal facilities, better wagon supply, etc.

The more important post-war schemes are—

- (i) the purchase of 27 locomotives, 693 wagons, 87 underframes and a large number of sleepers;
- (ii) the installation of traffic train control system;
- (iii) improving signalling arrangements;
- (iv) the expansion of workshops, and
- (v) remodelling Bangalore City, Davangere, Mandya, Chickjajur, Yeswanthapur, Arsikere and Bhadravathi Stations and Yards.

A separate planning department was sanctioned during the year for working out details of plans and estimates for several post-war schemes.

The construction of a railway line from Kadur to Chitaldrug as a post-war scheme was sanctioned and a fresh traffic and engineering survey for the purpose ordered. The possibility of extending the line from Talguppa to Jog and Bhatkal and the extension of the railway line from Chitaldrug to Sathyanagalam and on to Mettupalayam was under correspondence with the Government of India.

13. *Local Advisory Committee.*—The Committee met several times during the year and discussed subjects such as revision of train services, provision of additional facilities and concessions to passengers and providing better wagon facilities. The recommendations of the Committee received consideration and were given effect to so far as practical.

14. *General.*—The conditions of stress and strain continued and there was continuously heavy demand for wagons, which exceeded the available wagon supply. The bottlenecks generally were inadequate locomotive power, stock and train personnel. Despite these difficulties, the work of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

Punctuality of trains should, however, be considerably improved as also the over-all speed of both Passenger and Freight trains. Wagon usage and turn round is comparatively poor and requires improvement. Settlement of claims is very slow and should be expedited. Coal consumption, which is high, should be improved. Steps should be taken to undertake repair and renewal arrears. Better arrangements for check on ticketless travel and prevention of pilferage should be made. Government earnestly hope that these and other important matters will receive due attention and action will be taken to improve the utility efficiency of the Mysore State Railway Department.

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